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In re Patent of: )

**NABIL L. MUHANNA, M.D.** )

Patent No.: **6,936,070** )

Issued: **August 30, 2005** )

For: **INVERTEBRAL DISC PROSTHESIS AND METHODS OF IMPLANTATION**

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**Petition to Correct Inventorship under 37 C.F.R. §1.324**

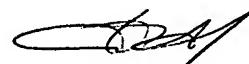
Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §256 and 37 C.F.R. §1.324, patentee respectfully requests that David Schalliol, Oakwood, Georgia, be added as an inventor in the above identified patent. Mr. Schalliol was erroneously not listed as a named inventor at the time of issuance of the above identified patent. This failure to list Mr. Schalliol as a named inventor was done without any deceptive intent.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.324(b)(1), attached with this request is a statement executed by the individual to be added as an inventor, stating that the inventorship error by which he was erroneously omitted as inventor in the above identified patent occurred without deceptive intention on his part. Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.324(b)(2), also attached to this request is a statement executed by the current named inventor in the above identified patent, stating that he agrees to the change of inventorship herein requested.

Patentee accordingly respectfully requests that the inventorship of the present patent be corrected. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the post issuance fees required for this petition under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.20(b) and 1.324(b)(4), to Deposit Account No. 09-0528. Should the commissioner have any questions regarding this request, he is invited and urged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,



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**Statement by Inventor to be Added Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.324(b)(1)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.324(b)(1), I, David L. Schalliol, hereby affirm that the inventorship error of failing to include me as an inventor in the above identified patent occurred without any deceptive intent on my part.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
DAVID L. SCHALLIOL

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**Statement by Current Named Inventor Agreeing to Addition of Inventor Pursuant to 37**

**C.F.R. §1.324(b)(2)**

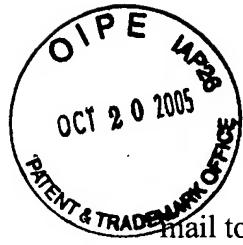
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.324(b)(2), I, Nabil L. Muhanna, M.D., as the current named inventor in the above identified patent, hereby agree to the addition of David L. Schalliol as an inventor for the above-identified patent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date 10-6-05

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